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SUBJECT: HOLDING THE LINE ON ANGOLA

REF: A. KINFHASA 11015 B. STATE 301955 C. STATE 299944

- 1. AS FORESEEN PARA FOUR KINSHASA 11015 CHARGE MET WITH CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA FOR REVIEW OF ANGOLAN SITUATION MORNING OF DECMEBER 30 TWO HOURS BEFORE ARRIVAL AT BANGUI OF UGANDA AND OAU PRESIDENT IDDC AMIN.
- 2. CHARGE CONVEYED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON HOLDING THE LINE (STATE 299944) AND GAVE HIM FULL FRENCH TEXT OF SECRETARY'S DEIEMBER 23 PRESS CONFERENCE. BOKASSA WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELES TRIP TO SELECTED AFRICAN CAPITOLS (STATE 301955) AND GIVEN ORALLY TALKING POINTS ON ANGOLA WHICH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAD PROVIDED AT KINSHASA DECEMBER 27.
- 3. IN RESPONSE PRESIDENT BOKASSA ASKED CHARGE TO ASSURE THE SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT FORD IN HIS BEHALF THAT IN ADDITION TO HIS CONTINUING TO HOLD THE LINE ON NON-RECOGNITION OF SECRET

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THE MPLA HE WOULD ALSO RENEW HIS EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE OTHER

AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION. HE AGREED THAT IT WAS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE THAT NO FURTHER AFRICAN STATES RECONGIZE THE MPLA IF THE OAU SUMMIT WERE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

4. BOKASSA SUID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE HE WOULD MAKE A MAJOR STATEMENT ON ANGOLA IN THE COURSE OF FESTIVITIES DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1 IN CONNECTION WITH THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ACCESSION TO POWER. THE MESSAGE HE SAID WOULD REFLECT THE US POSITION ON ANGOLA.

5. BOKASSA SAID THAT HE WOULD ALSO TRY TO GET AMIN AND PRESIDENT MOBUTU WHO ARRIVES BANGUI JANUARY 1 TO AGREE TO THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT DECLARATION ON ANGOLA CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG RIVAL ANGOLAN FACTIONS AND SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE OAU.

6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BOKASSA SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA POSED NO PROBLEM FOR HIS GOVERNMENT.

ON THE CONTRARY HE SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THEIR PRESENCE IN ANGOLA NECESSARY AT PRESENT TO HELP BALANCE THE SOVIET/CUBAN ENGAGEMENT.

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